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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Richard Humpleman, et al.

) Examiner: W. Bashore

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR A HOME NETWORK AUTO-
TREE BUILDER

) Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 09/104,297

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) Los Angeles, California 90067

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please
consider the following remarks:

INTRODUCTION

This Preliminary Statement is being filed concurrently with a Continuation
Prosecution Application (CPA), a Request for Extension of Time (filed in the parent application)
and a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131.